

CONGLETON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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INTERIM REPORT
ON THE
HEALTH AND SANITARY
CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THE
DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1944.

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Congleton Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you the Annual Report
for the year 1944 upon the health and sanitary circumstances
of your area. In accordance with the instructions of the
Ministry of Health this report is still issued in the
curtailed form.

The health of your district during 1944 has
been satisfactory, and there are no particular items which
call for special comment.

I beg to acknowledge with thanks the kindly
help which I have received from the Council and the members
of your staff during the past year.

SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions.

The customary notes on social conditions are not requested by the Ministry of Health for the year ending 31st December, 1944.

Extract from Vital Statistics.

Estimated population .. 11,940.

			Total.	Male.	Female.
Live Births	{ Legitimate	...	219	115	104
	{ Illegitimate	...	11	5	6
Still Births	{ Legitimate	...	5	3	2
	{ Illegitimate	...	0	0	0

Live Birth rate ^{per} 1,000 estimated average population mid-1944 - 19.2

This compares with a rate of 17.6 per 1,000 of the population in England and Wales.

Still Birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births .. -21.28

Infantile Mortality.

The total number of deaths of infants under one year of age is shown as follows:-

				Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	...	...	...	5	3	2
Illegitimate	...	...	...	1	0	1

This given an infantile mortality rate of 26.0 per 1,000 live births.

Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births - 22.8

Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ... - 90.9

Deaths

				Total	Male	Female
Deaths all ages	...	...	...	128	63	65

Death rate per 1,000 estimated average population mid-1944 .. 10.7

This compares with a rate of 11.5 per 1,000 of the population of England and Wales.

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the District during the year:-

Cause of Death	Males	Female	Total
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	0	0	0
Cerebro-spinal fever	0	0	0
Scarlet fever	0	0	0
Whooping cough	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	1	0	1
Other forms of tuberculosis	1	2	3
Syphilitic diseases	0	0	0
Influenza	0	1	1
Measles	0	1	1
Acute polio-myelitis and polio-encephalitis	0	0	0
Acute inf: encephalitis	0	0	0
Cancer of bucc: cav: and oesoph: (M), uterus (F)	2	1	3
Cancer of stomach and duodenum	1	2	3
Cancer of breast	0	1	1
Cancer of all other sites	4	5	9
Diabetes	0	3	3
Intracranial vascular lesions	5	8	13
Heart Disease	13	15	28
Other diseases of circulatory system	1	0	1
Bronchitis	3	5	8
Pneumonia	3	3	6
Other respiratory diseases	0	2	2
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	0	1
Diarrhoea under 2 years	0	0	0
Appendicitis	0	0	0
Other Digestive diseases	2	2	4
Nephritis	1	0	1
Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	0	0	0
Other maternal causes	0	0	0
Premature birth	2	0	2
Congenital malformation, birth inj: infant dis:	1	1	2
Suicide	1	3	4
Road Traffic accidents	2	0	2
Other violent causes	2	2	4
All other causes	17	8	25
Total.	63	65	128

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes:-

	No. of Deaths.
Puerperal Sepsis	0
Other maternal causes	0
Total	0

The Maternal Mortality is Nil per 1,000 live and still births. There was no unusual or excessive mortality during the year which requires comment, and there does not appear to be any occupation having a prejudicial effect on health.

SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

There has been no alteration in these services during the year under review.

The Old Rectory at Astbury is still used as a Hostel for evacuee children who are not suitable for ordinary billets, and for relief of householders.

SECTION C.

Sanitary circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

During the year the water supply to the District has been satisfactorily maintained both in quality and quantity although the lowering of the water levels in the bore holes has still continued at the usual rate.

The Council's scheme for supplementing the supply by taking water from the Northwich Rural District Council was approved during the year and work commenced in September. It is anticipated that the main will be brought into use early in the year 1945.

The Council's supply from the Mow Cop Pumping Station has been analysed periodically, and found to be satisfactory. Softening has been abandoned for some time so as to save water which would normally be used for washing the softener units.

The number of dwelling houses supplied in the district is 3186, giving a total population served of 10,673 persons. No houses are supplied from stand pipes connected to the Council's main.

The Parish of Moreton is supplied privately from a spring source, located in Quarry Wood in the Mow Cop hills.

Sewerage.

The various outfall works have been satisfactorily maintained in a year.

It is desirable that the Council should proceed at an early date, with the construction of sewers in the Mow Cop area., for which part of the District, a scheme was submitted and approved by the Ministry of Health in 1939. The scheme was however abandoned due to the intervention of the War.

Closet Accommodation.

No. of conversions from conservancy to watercarriage system ... 7.

No. of houses on conservancy system in built-up areas, including
346 in Townships referred to above, as being in need of
improved sewerage disposal facilities 470.

Public Cleansing.

There has been no change in arrangements for public cleansing

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

No. of inspections by the Sanitary Inspector 920.
No. of defects remedied 482.

SECTION D.

Housing.

The customary table of activities under the Housing Acts is omitted.

No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of
service of informal notice 22..

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served
under Housing Acts requiring repairs and which were
rendered fit after service of informal notice nil.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served
requiring defects to be remedied... .. 48.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which defects were remedied
after service of such notice.. 43.

No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at the end of the year ... 1.

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SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply.

No. of Registered Producers in the area	463.
No. of Accredited Producers in the area ....	....	....	275.
No. of T. T. Producers in the area..	....	....	6.

During the year 4 cowsheds were re-conditioned and 6 dairies altered.

Meat and Other Foods.

All private slaughter houses remain closed due to centralised slaughtering, but inspection of retail shops continues.
All food preparation premises have also been regularly inspected.

SECTION F.

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Diseases.

Scarlet Fever.

There were twenty cases of scarlet fever notified during the year, of whom fourteen cases were removed to Isolation Hospitals. Two cases were removed to their homes at Wolverhampton and Wilsnlow, and the other four cases were nursed at home.

Diphtheria.

There were three cases of diphtheria notified during the year, all of whom were removed to the Isolation Hospital. One of these cases had been immunised two years ago.

The following tables show the number of cases of infectious disease notified during the year, together with the number of cases admitted to hospital, and the total number of deaths from each of these diseases:-

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis) DURING THE YEAR 1944.

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to hospital.	Total deaths.
Scarlet Fever	20	14	0
Diphtheria	3	3	0
Whooping Cough	14	0	0
Measles	63	0	0
Pneumonia	11	0	6
Erysipelas	1	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Disease.	Under 1 yr.	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65 and over.
Scarlet Fever	0	0	1	1	0	6	7	1	2	1	1	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	2	4	1	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Measles	3	5	3	4	8	30	6	1	3	0	0	0
Pneumonia	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	2	1	1
Erysipelas	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Diphtheria Immunisation.

There is diphtheris immunisation scheme in force within the area and the following table shows the extent to which it has been used during the year:-

No. of children under school age immunised 44

No. of children of school age immunised. 46

Total number of children immunised since the inception
of the scheme in 1941.... .. 780.

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TUBERCULOSIS.

Table of New Cases and Deaths during 1944.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Up to 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1 - 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
5 - 15	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
15 - 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
25 - 35	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
35 - 45	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
45 - 55	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55 - 65	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
65 & upwards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	3	1	3	1	1	0	1	2

Factories Act, 1937.

There were no certificates granted regarding fire escapes during the year.

My thanks are due to the Sanitary Inspector and the Surveyor, for their help in the compilation of this Report.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

D. JOHN LINDR,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

